

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share with you its e-Bulletin "CIP Highlights".

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## March 15

### **The National Port Authority (APN) of Peru Announces its New Quarterly Newsletter and Invites Port Authorities to Submit Information**

The APN of Peru, Chair of the CIP Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Corporate Social Responsibility, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, announces its new quarterly newsletter, which will disseminate information shared by Port Authorities on TAG related issues. The APN of Peru invites Port Authorities to submit data including statistics, articles

by opinion leaders, experiences and success stories, as well as photographs and/or info graphics. The deadline to send information is **Wednesday, March 15, 2017** to the following emails: [mescalante@apn.gob.pe](mailto:mescalante@apn.gob.pe) and [rjurado@apn.gob.pe](mailto:rjurado@apn.gob.pe).

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**March 26-30**

**Seminar on Dredging and Reclamation organized by the International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC)**

IADC, a CIP Associate Member, will organize the Seminar on Dredging and Reclamation in Abu Dhabi from March 26 to March 30, 2017. The program will include topics such as the overview of the dredging market and the development of new ports and maintenance of existing ports; project phasing (identification, investigation, feasibility studies, design, construction, and maintenance); and descriptions of types of dredging equipment and boundary conditions for their use; among others. For more information on the program and registration, click [here](#).

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Puertos del Estado



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### XVII IBERO-AMERICAN COURSE ON PORT TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



**March 27**

#### Extended Applications Deadline for Scholarships

The S/CIP and Puertos del Estado de España, upon request of the National Port Authorities, are pleased to announce that the deadline to receive applications for the XVII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations and Environmental Management, **has been extended to March 27, 2017.**

The course will take place from May 12 to June 8, 2017, in Santander, Spain. The organizers will award a maximum of **twenty (20) scholarships**, distributed between the two specialties of the course: (i) Port Operations and, (ii) Environmental Management. For more information about the call for applications, [click here](#).

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**March 31**

### **K-12 Student Art Contest “Connecting Ships, Ports and People”**

The S/CIP and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), a CIP Associate Member, are proud to announce the launch of the “Connecting Ships, Ports and People” Calendar Art Contest for students in grades K-12. This collaborative initiative, part of the S/CIP activities in support of environmental stewardship and sustainability, is sponsored by NAMEPA, the United States Coast Guard (USCG), Mystic Aquarium, and the CIP-OAS and invites students enrolled in grades K – 12 to submit an *original poster*, by **March 31, 2017**. The list of winners will be announced on May 12, 2017.

The artwork from twelve finalists will be published in a bilingual calendar and, in addition to being recognized with a winner’s certificate, two grand-prize winning artists will also receive a \$100 cash prize and a U.S. Coast Guard prize package.

The S/CIP and NAMEPA invite you to promote this initiative by forwarding this information to related institutions in your country. For more information about the contest rules, guidelines, and prize details, [click here](#).

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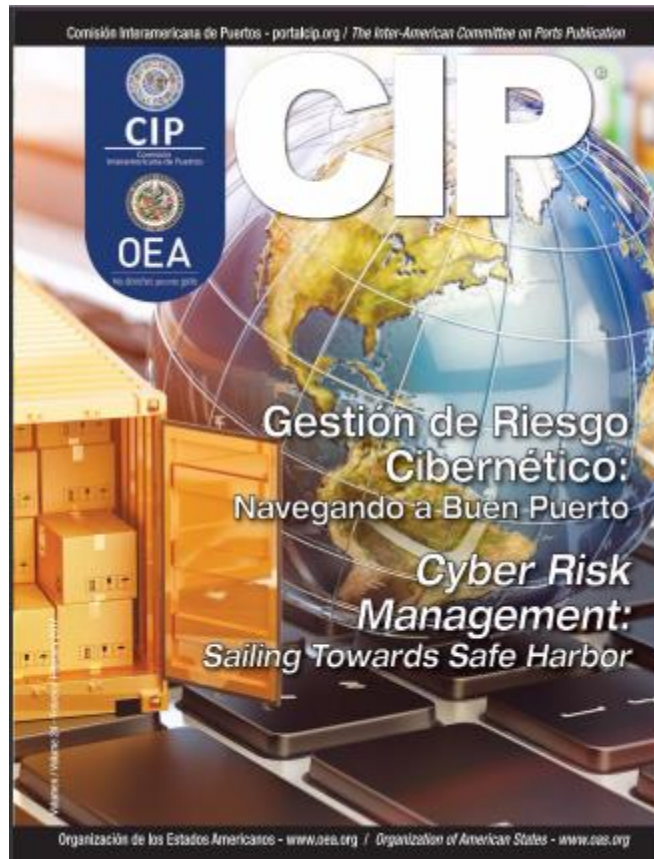


**April 4-6**

**Save the Date for the AAPA Spring Conference**

Among the activities in the program, the AAPA Spring Conference, which will take place in Washington D.C. on April 4-6, 2017, will host the Caribbean and Latin American Delegation Meetings. Success stories and trends in the hemisphere will also be discussed, as well as the use of technology to stake out a leadership position, among others. For further information on the venue, program and registration, [click here.](#)

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**The S/CIP Secretariat presents the CIP Magazine, February 2017 issue**

Titled “Cyber Risk Management”, the CIP Magazine February 2017 issue includes analysis and technical reports, as well as articles from key opinion leaders about the maritime sector, such as:

- Successfully Navigating: The Challenges of Port Security Awareness Training at ISPS Certified Ports, *by Audrey McNeil, ISPS Compliance Officer, Port Authority of Jamaica.*
- IV Regional Meeting of Cruises and River Nautical Tourism in Uruguay, *by Constanza Suárez, Deputy Director for Port Development Programs, General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine (CGPyMM/SCT) of Mexico.*

The CIP Magazine February 2017 issue can be accessed [here](#). If you would like publish an article or learn about advertising opportunities, please contact us: [cip@oas.org](mailto:cip@oas.org) .

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### **Port of Bahía Blanca and the Progress of its Strategic Plan**

The Port of Bahía Blanca, Argentina signed a contract with Port Consultants Rotterdam (PCR) for the integral development of their strategic plan. The plan aims to boost organizational, infrastructure and logistics development, as wells as to analyze and fully consider the concept of City-Port with a long-term vision. The strategy development will be mainly based on port performance and port competitiveness. For more information, [click here](#).

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## **INALOG Signs Contract with Concepto SRL and Fundación ValenciaPort**

Last February, the National Institute of Logistics (INALOG) of Uruguay signed a contract with the consortium formed by Concepto SRL and Fundación ValenciaPort, in order to implement the first two phases of its project "Logistics Information System", which is based on an evaluation criteria previously discussed with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF). For more information about the Logistics Information System and its progress, [click here](#).

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### **Interested in becoming a CIP Associate Member?**

Click [here](#) for further information on the benefits of joining, opportunities for collaboration and the formal application procedures or contact the [CIP Secretariat](#).